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A newspaper article appearing in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" dated 12-8-63, entitled "Dallas Ad Placer Explains Its Source," reveals a telephone interview with Bernard Weissman whose name appears as a signer of the full-page highly critical ad concerning President Kennedy's foreign policies in the "Dallas Morning News" on the morning of 11-22-63. Weissman stated the money for the ad, \$1,463, was collected by a small group he headed known as the "American Fact Finding Committee." He added he was in Dallas when the President was assassinated and telephoned the FBI the same day and volunteered to appear for questioning "because of the attention that had been focused on my group due to its announced aims along conservative lines." He further added "they (the FBI) knew more about me than I knew about myself." He stated he left Dallas a few days later because he could not earn a living with the threats and pressure being brought to bear against him by local liberal groups.

The Director commented on the above portion of the article "Is this story accurate?"

Either Weissman has been misquoted or he is lying to attempt to create an impression he is of some importance. My memorandum dated 12-6-63 which you have seen and which is attached, sets forth the facts concerning the preparation of the ad, those responsible and those from whom the funds were solicited. Weissman, who arrived in Dallas only 19 days before the assassination, permitted his name to be used for the purpose of counteracting charges of anti-Semitism which had been directed against the conservatives.

In regard to Weissman's alleged telephone call to the Dallas Office, SAC Gordon Shanklin on 12-10-63

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